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Turin, Dec. 25.

WE have an Account that the Marquis *de Dronero* upon receipt of the Orders that were ſent from hence, parted immediately from *Nizza* for *Thoulon*, and embarked there the 16th Inſtant upon a French man of War, Commanded by the Marquis *de la Porte*, which was appointed to carry him to *Lisbonne*; upon the arrival of this Ambaſſador at the Court of *Portugal*, it is believed, all Matters relating to the Marriage of our Duke with the Infanta, will be ſo adjuſted, that nothing will remain to hinder the Conſummation of it; though after all, there be ſome people among us, who look upon this Work as ſubject ſtill to too many difficulties, to be ſpeedily perfected. Some days ſince arrived here the Duke and Dutcheſs of *St. Pietro* from *Milan*, and have very kindly received by our Duke and Dutcheſs.

Genoua, Jan. 1. The continuance of the ſtrong Northerly winds, is the cauſe that not any Ships have arrived here this week. Two Dutch Convoys, and many French Ships are expected ſo ſoon as the Wind changes. It is ſaid that the Algerines are going to break with the French, who, to prevent it, are fitting out a Squadron of men of War at *Thoulon*.

Venice, Dec. 28. On Monday next the Cardinal *d'Eſtree* parts hence for *Rome*, intending in his way to ſee the Great Duke of *Tuſcany* at *Florence*; and perhaps he may make ſome ſhort ſtay there: the ſaid Cardinal and the Duke of *Mantoua* have ſeen one another two or three times, but the Matter was ſo ordered, that their Meeting ſeemed to be wholly accidental. There are Letters from *Turkey* which ſay, that the great preparations which are now making, are not really making againſt the Moſcovites, for that a Peace is under-hand Treating with them; and that the Grand Signior has other thoughts of employing thoſe Forces which will appear towards the Spring.

Warſaw, Dec. 27. This City which has for ſome Months paſt been very empty, by reaſon of the abſence of the Court, begins now to fill with people who have buſineſs here at the Dyet, which is to meet the 10th of the next Month; the King and moſt of the Senators will likewiſe be here very ſpeedily, it being the cuſtom for the Senate to meet ſome days before the opening of the Dyet, to conſult about what is to be propoſed to them; All people ſay, that the great Points which will be the ſubject of their Debates will be, whether they ſhall continue the Peace they have at preſent with the Turks, or enter into a War againſt them in conjunction with the Moſcovites; and this is a Matter that is likely to be highly conteſted: for the generality of the Nobility ſeem inclined to the War; but the King it is thought, and the Major part of the Senate think it beſt to preſerve the Peace, unleſs they could have ſuch aſſurances of aſſiſtance from the ſeveral Princes of Chriſtendom, as might give them a proſpect of a happy iſſue of the War, ſhould they enter into it: the Alliance between the Crown and the Czar of *Moſcovy* is ſtill much diſcourſed of; but the Poles have naturally a miſtruſt of the ſincerity of the Moſcovites, which makes them very backward of entring into any Engagements of that kind with them; but what their common Intereſts may lead them to at preſent, a ſhort time will let us ſee.

Stockholme, Dec. 28. The laſt day that the Dyet was Aſſembled, which was on the 20th Inſtant; the Nobility reſolved two very important points; The firſt was, that the Senate ſhould not for the future, have any greater Authority than the other States; and that the King upon any occaſion (if he thought fit) might ask their Advice in the affairs of his Government, without being obliged to follow it. Secondly, That in caſe his Majeſty ſhould in time of War be out of the Kingdom, his Majeſty might put the Government into ſuch hands, during his abſence, as he thought fit; and that in caſe his Majeſty ſhould come to dye, the Orders and Inſtructions which he ſhould leave concerning his Succeſſor, in caſe he ſhould be under age, and the Government of the State during his Minority, ſhall be punctually obſerved and executed. Count *Oxenſterne*, whom the King is ſending to the Emperor and other Princes, will now begin his Journey in a very ſhort time.

Vienna, Dec. 30. The Turkiſh Chiaus that lately arrived here, has been diſpatched by our Governor Lieutenant-General *Starenberg*; We do not yet hear what he came about, and we ſuppoſe it to be no great Matter. This week arrived here an Expreſs from *Conſtantinople*, with Letters from the Emperors Reſident there; he reported that the Grand Vizier underſtanding that there was a Treaty on foot between the Imperialiſts and the Hungarians; and that there was a great likelyhood that a Peace would be concluded between them, he was much concerned at it, and had reſolved by all means to prevent it, and in order thereunto, had ſent to the ſaid Hungarians to make them great offers, in caſe they would put themſelves under the Grand Signiors Protection: whether this news deſerves any credit, we know not; but many Reports of this nature have been ſpread abroad without any ground for them, by thoſe who deſire not that things ſhould be brought to an accommodation; and therefore give out news of this kind to amuſe the

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